

# **National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota**

## **2026 State Convention**

April 24 and 25, 2026  
Comfort Suites University  
929 25th Ave. Brookings SD, 57006  
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## **Mission**

The National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota (NFB SD) was established in 1942. This organization recognizes that blindness is not the defining characteristic of an individual or their future. Instead, they focus on raising expectations for blind people, breaking down obstacles, and empowering them to pursue their dreams. The NFB SD hosts events, provides scholarships for legally blind students, and collaborates with training centers for the blind.

## President's Message

Dear Sponsors, Participants, and Friends,

On behalf of the National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota, I thank you—not just for attending our 2026 State Convention, but for standing with us in a movement that is changing lives.

We are not gathered simply to talk about blindness. We are here to redefine it.

To our sponsors, your support is more than a donation—it is an investment in independence, in opportunity, and in the belief that blind people can and will live the lives we want. You are helping to build a stronger future, and that matters.

To our participants, you are the heart of this movement. Every conversation, every connection, every idea shared this weekend moves us forward. We are proving, together, that blindness does not define us—our determination does.

Across South Dakota, we are raising expectations. We are opening doors. We are building programs, strengthening communities, and making it clear that the blind will not be left behind.

This convention is not the end of that work—it is the beginning of what comes next.

So as you leave here, take that energy with you. Take that belief with you. And let's continue pushing forward—together.

We look forward to seeing you again next year, stronger, louder, and even more determined.

Sincerely,  
Ismael "Izzy" Collazo  
President  
National Federation of the Blind of South Dakota

# Convention Agenda

Friday, April 24, 2026

2:30 to 4:00 pm Registration. Registration fee is \$50

4:00 – 5:00 pm Public Meeting of the Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired of South Dakota;  
Director Ronda Williams.

5:00 – 6:00 pm Lowe's Instruction of Planter Box Building.

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm Pizza party and Social, \$10 per person

Saturday, April 25, 2026

7:30 to 8:30 am Registration continues

8:30 am Call to Order Izzy Collazo, President of NFB of South Dakota.

8:35 am Presentation of Colors – Brookings Boy Scouts

Pledge of Allegiance

8:40 am Welcome to Brookings – Mayor Ope Niemeyer

8:45 am Invocation – Keith Kinder

8:50 am Introduction of Officers & Board Members of the NFB of South Dakota – Izzy Collazo

Reading of the NFB pledge.

Door Prize

9:00 to 9:30 am Ben Dallin, the National Representative of the NFB with the national report.

Door Prize

9:30 to 10:15 am Ronda Williams, Director of Service to The Blind and Visually Impaired, SD Dept. of  
Human Services

April Schulte, Rehab Center manager

10:15 – 10:30 am Break

Door prize.

10:30 to 11:15 am Camille Tate, Spokesperson for STABLE accounts.

Door prize.

11:15 – 11:45 am Jenna Baker, Expressvote accessible voting system of South Dakota.

Door prize.

11:45 to 12 pm Dan Radisewitz, Medicare Advantage Program.

Door prize.

12 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 pm Jim Honomichi, DakotaLink Accessible Technology

1:30 to 2:00 pm Joshua Easter, South Dakota State Librarian. State Library and accessible library  
services update and demonstration on how to use Newsline For The Blind.

Door prize.

2:00 to 2:30 pm Aaron Cannon, Software Accessibility Engineer-AI & the blind

Door prize.

2:30 to 3:15 pm Loretta Roberts, ScripTalk Talking Prescription Labels.

Door prize.

3:15 to 3:30 pm Molly Perry, Volunteer Ride Bank.

3:30 – 3:45 pm Genesis Farms, Benefits of Medical Marijuana to the Blind Community.

3:45 – 4:00 pm Izzy Collazo, Presentation on Code of Conduct.

4:00 pm Adjourn.

4:00 to 5:00 pm NFB Annual Business Meeting Agenda [Members & interested individuals]

Call to order; Izzy Collazo NFB SD President.

Introduction of the board of directors of the NFB of South Dakota.

Minutes of last meeting; Matt Nixon, secretary

Treasurers report, Rich Crawford

Business meeting items

Nominating committees report

Election of new officers

5:00 pm Adjourn

6:00 pm – 8:30 pm NFB SD Annual Convention Banquet

Banquet MC –

Invocation – Keith Kinder

Introduction of the Head Table

Dinner

Guest Speaker – Ben Dallin – NFB National Representative

Drawing for the 50/50.

Door Prizes

Silent Auction – Matt Nixon, Secretary of NFB of SD

## Speaker Bios

### Ronda Williams

Ronda is the Director for Service to the Blind and Visually Impaired and supervises the Rehabilitation Services in South Dakota. Previously, she worked for the Division of Rehabilitation Services for 17 years as a Rehabilitation Counselor, a VR Program Specialist and a Medicaid Waiver Manager. Ronda is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor with a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling from Utah State University. She lives in Pierre with her husband, Robert, and children.

### Dan Radisewitz

Danny Radisewitz is a former cool college football coach. Currently, he is an Insurance Nerd President of Turning 65 Navigators in Sioux Falls serving North and South Dakota as well as Southwest, Minnesota. T65 Navigators guides people with Medicare and/or Medicaid to determine the necessary and proper supplemental coverages to help them live their best lives.

### Camille Tate

Camille Tate is President of the National Federation of the Blind of Florida. She joined the National Federation of the Blind in 2015. Camille has served in many roles in the Florida affiliate, including Vice President, Legislative Director and Resolutions Committee Chair. Her passion is advocacy and legislation.

### April Schulte, MS, CRC, CLVT

April Schulte is the Manager of the South Dakota Rehabilitation Center for the Blind in Sioux Falls. She has over 15 years of experience working with individuals with disabilities and is deeply passionate about supporting independence and empowerment.

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